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SUBJECT:

Recommendation No. 186 of the
Prison Reforms Committee
regarding Sanitary arrangements
in jails.

G.O. No. P. 1773-83 dated 11th -
September 1942

To

The G. O. of Prisons.

" Comptroller to Govt. through
" District Magistrates of
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Recommendation No. 186 of the Prison Reforms Committee

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1) In paras 47 to 52 of Chapter VIII of their Report, the Prison Reforms Committee deal with the sanitary arrangements in jails, and observe that their remarks on this matter apply both to the new jails to be constructed as well as to existing ones. Their recommendations in this respect are as follows —

1) The Committee observe that there is a sufficient number of latrines in the Prisons they have visited, that they are mostly of the dry earth type, which is inexpensive, but requires removal of excrement and cleansing of the floor several times a day. The Committee recommend that these latrines should be replaced, wherever sufficient water is available, by flush latrine as has already been done in the Mysore jail.

The S. G. of Prisons observes that this may be deferred for the present. In view of the probable heavy cost which the construction of flush latrines would involve, the question may perhaps be deferred for the present as suggested by the S. G. of Prisons.

2) Until flush latrines are constructed, the Committee suggest, that the latrines should be floored with cement, provided with proper foot rests and supplied with zinc buckets; that privacy should be secured by

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means of partitions between the seats not less than four feet high; and that the outer enclosure of each latrine should be covered over with fly-proof gauze and the doorways similarly encased and provided with a spring arrangement.

The F. G. P. Prisoners ^{is} ~~shall~~ of opinion that this may be done. He will, if approved, be requested to intimate whether it could be got done by prison labour, and if so what the cost is likely to be.

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3) The Committee next suggest that water for ablution after resort to the latrine must be provided at or close to it.

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The F. G. P. will
make necessary
arrangements

The F. G. P. Prisoners states that he agrees with the Committee. He will, if approved, be requested to send in ^{definite} ~~concrete~~ proposals on it.

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4) The Committee next ^{observe} ~~recommend~~ that the restrictions aimed at visits to the latrines except at stated hours or without previous permission are rather drastic and should not be too rigorously enforced.

Under the existing rules prisoners are allowed to go into the latrines thrice in day time, soon after unlocking in the morning, before resumption of work at 1 in the afternoon and after the evening meal (Rules 248, 253 and 255). If any

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prisoners wishes to visit the latrine out of the usual hours, he will be made over to a Courtial officer, and if a prisoner unnecessarily visits the latrine, the Courtial officer is required to report him to the warden in charge. Further if it appears that a prisoner is suffering from diarrhoea or dysentery, a report is required to be made to the jailor, who will send him on to the hospital for observation (Rule 267). Further it is a prison offence to visit the latrine except at stated hours or without permission of an officer of the prison.

The S.G. of Prisons states that he agrees with the Committee. He will, if approved, be requested to intimate how he proposes to relax the rules so as to bring ^{them} in conformity with the spirit of the recommendations.

(5) The Committee next observe that the present system of having in a corner of each cell or barrack an earthen pot for night use, with a heap of dry earth, is highly offensive and should be done away with. They recommend that this may be replaced by a flush-out, and that, if this is not feasible, by a cage latrine allowing of the content being washed out and cleaned from outside.

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The S. G. of Prisons is of opinion that the present arrangement may continue during the period.

Though the question of constructing flush-outs in each barrack may have to be deferred for the present on account of the heavy probable cost, it is for consideration whether it may not be as well to provide cage latrines at least, with a view to ensuring ordinary and decent sanitary arrangements in the jail barracks. The Indian Jails Committee also condemned the plan of merely placing vessels in the wards itself, which prevailed in the jails in British India, and gave it as their opinion that in all sleeping barracks a cage-latrines, separated from the ward by a narrow interval, with arrangements for delivery outside was essential (Para 304 (c)). According ⁱⁿ the jails in British India ~~as~~ all sleeping barracks are provided with cage latrines. (~~Bengal~~: eg. Bengal Rule 1179 (9)). The S. G. of Prisons It is for orders if the S. G. of Prisons may be requested to intimate whether the barracks in the jails at Mysore and Bangalore admit of cage-latrines being constructed, whether such construction could be undertaken by prison labour.

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and if so what the probable cost would be.

6) The Committee finally suggest
that the night soil from all the latrines should
be collected and used as manure for the prison
garden.

The S. G. of Prisons states that
this may be done. The Committee's recommenda-
tion may perhaps be approved.

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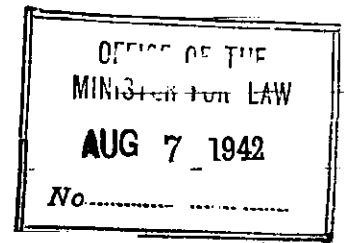
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of the Prison Reforms Committee
re sanitary arrangements in prisons



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Extract from the opinion of the
Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore
on the recommendation, ~~made by~~ the Prison
Reforms Committee :-

Recommendation No.186.

Recommendation :-

The existing type of latrines should
be replaced, wherever sufficient water is
available by flush latrines.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons:-

This may be deferred for the present.

Recommendation :-

Till this is done, latrines should be
floored with cement, provided with proper
foot rests, and supplied with zinc buckets.
Privacy should be secured by means of
partitions between the seats not less than
four feet high. The outer enclosure of
each latrine should be covered over with
fly proof gauze and the doorways similarly
enmeshed and provided with a spring arrange-
ment.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons

May be done.

Recommendation:-

Water for ablution after ~~the~~ resort to the
latrine must be provided at or close to it.
The restrictions aimed at visits to the
latrines except at stated hours or without

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previous permission should not be too vigorously enforced.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons:-

I agree.

Recommendation :-

The present system of having in each cell or barrack an earthen pot for night use should be done away with and re-placed by a flush-out, if this is not feasible, by a cage latrine allowing of the contents being washed out and cleaned from outside.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons :-

The present arrangement may continue during the period of the War.

Recommendation :-

The night soil from all the latrines should be collected and used as manure for the prison garden.

Opinion of the Inspector General of Prisons :

May be done

There are two segregation wards in the Central Jail and one in the Mysore Jail. These wards require improvements in respect of water facilities and latrine arrangements.

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Signed by Mr. K. P. P.

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- (ii) treated as a standing order?
- (iii) published in the Gazette,
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- (iv) translated?
- (v) placed at the disposal of the press?
- (vi) published in the Gazette,
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File No. 2-42.

Serial No. 16

Proceedings of the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read—

Recommendation No. 186 of the
Prison Reform Committee regarding
sanitary arrangements in jails, and
the views of the J. C. of Prisons thereon

Order thereon—No. P1773-83 Pns 2-42-16d
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The Prison Reform Committee

recommends in para 47 to 52 of their
Report —

1) that the existing type of
latrines should be replaced, wherever
sufficient water is available, by
flush latrines;

2) that until flush latrines

are constructed, the latrines should be floored with cement, provided with proper foot steps, and supplied with zinc buckets; that privacy should be secured by means of partitions between the seats not less than four feet high; and that the outer enclosure of each latrine should be covered over with fly proof gauze and the doorways similarly screened and provided with a spring arrangement;

3) that water for ablution after resort to the latrine must be provided at or close to it;

4) that the restrictions aimed at visits to the latrines except at stated hours or without previous permission should not be too rigorously enforced;

5) that the present system of having in each cell or barrack an earthen pot for night use should be done away with and

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replaced by a flush-out, or, if this is not possible, by a cage latrine allowing of the contents being washed out and cleaned from outside; and

6) That the night-soil from all the latrines should be collected and used as manure for the prison garden.

The J. C. of Prisons ^{agrees} ~~suggested~~ with the Committee in respect of items ~~the acceptance of recommendations~~

(2) (3) (4) and (6) specified above and

proposes their acceptance. He is of opinion that item (1) may be deferred for the present and that the present arrangement may continue in respect of item (5) for the duration of the war.

Govt are pleased to accept the recommendations of the Committee in respect of items (2), (3) (4) and (6), and the remaining items viz (1) and (5) being deferred for the

present as suggested by the F. G. of Prisons. He is requested to take necessary ^{further} action immediately in the matter, the extra cost involved, if any, being debited to the sanctioned grants of the Prison Budget in the first instance.

Govt further direct the addition of the following as a note to item (16) of rule 275 of the Jail Manual and item (14) of rule 86 of the Lock-up Manual —

"Note - the restrictions

aimed at visits to the latrines except at stated hours or without previous permission should not be too rigorously enforced"

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To,
The F. G. of Prisons
The Comptroller to Govt through F. D.
The Dist Magistrate of Dist.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Read:—

Recommendation No.186 of the Prison Reforms Committee regarding sanitary arrangements in Jails, and the views of the Inspector General of Prisons thereon.

ORDER NO.P.1773-83 Pris.2-42-16

DATED, BANGALORE, the 11th September 1942.

The Prison Reforms Committee recommended in paras 47 to 52 of their report--

- 1) that the existing type of latrines should be replaced, wherever sufficient water is available, by flush latrines;
- 2) that until flush latrines are constructed, the latrines should be floored with cement, provided with proper footsteps, and supplied with zinc buckets; that privacy should be secured by means of partitions between the seats not less than four feet high; and that the outer enclosure of each latrine should be covered over with fly proof gauze and the doorways similarly emmeshed and provided with a spring arrangement;
- 3) that water for ablution after resort to the latrine must be provided at or close to it;
- 4) that the restrictions aimed at visits to the latrines except at stated hours or without previous permission should not be too rigorously enforced;
- 5) that the present system of having in each cell or barrack an earthen pot for night use should be done away with and replaced by a ~~flush~~^{flush}-out, or, if this is not possible, by a cage latrine allowing of the contents being washed out and cleaned from outside; and
- 6) that the night-soil from all the latrines should be collected and used as manure for the prison garden.

The Inspector General of Prisons agrees with the

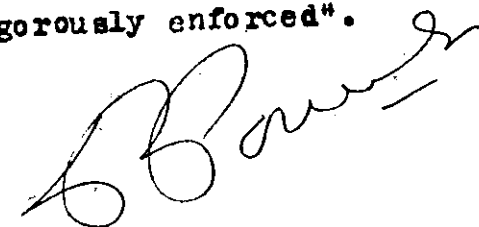
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Committee in respect of items (2) (3) (4) and (6) specified above and proposes their acceptance. He is of opinion that item (1) may be deferred for the present and that the present arrangement may continue in respect of item (5) for the duration of the war.

Government are pleased to accept the recommendations of the Committee in respect of items (2) (3) (4) and (6) the remaining items viz (1) and (5) being deferred for the present as suggested by the Inspector General of Prisons. He is requested to take necessary further action immediately in the matter, the extra cost involved, if any, being debited to the sanctioned grants of the prison budget in the first instance.

Government further direct the addition of the following as a note to item (16) of rule 275 of the Jail Manual and item (14) of rule 85 of the Lock-up Manual--

* Note - The restrictions ^{aimed} arrived at visits to the latrines except at stated hours or without previous permission should not be too rigorously enforced".


Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

To

The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Comptroller to Government through the
Financial Department.
The District Magistrates of Districts.

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